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SUBJ: KENYA MEDIA REACTION KISSINGER

1. INDEPENDENT DAILY NATION SATURDAY CARRIES KISSINGER PAGE ONE UNDER FOUR-COLUMN HEAD "KISSINGER FEARS A RHODESIAN MASSACRE" BASED ON MONROVIA STORY FROM AGENCIES SAYING SECRETARY DISMISSED AS "TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE" A SUGGESTION ATTRIBUTED TO RONALD REAGAN THAT HIS PLEDGE TO PROMOTE AFRICAN RULE IN RHODESIA COULD SERVE TO ENCOURAGE VIOLENCE THERE.

2. ARTICLE QUOTED KISSINGER AS SAYING IN MONROVIA NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BLACK NATIONALISTS AND WHITE MINORITY REGIME "THE ONLY HOPE OF AVOIDING A MASSACRE."

3. INDEPENDENT THE STANDARD DEVOTES MOST OF COLUMN ONE PAGE ONE TO MONROVIA DETELINE REUTER STORY "RHODESIA GUERRILLAS ARE NO THREAT -- U.S." LEADS WITH SENIOR OFFICIAL ABOARD KISSINGER PLANE SAYING RHODESIA'S WHITES IN NO DANGER OF BEING MASSACRED AND U.S. BELIEVES RHODESIA WILL NOT BE OVERRUN BY NATIONALIST FORCES EVEN IF THEY ARE JOINED IN THE BATTLE BY THE BLACK AFRICAN "CONFRONTATION
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STATES" ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, MOZAMBIQUE AND BOTSWANA.

4. GOVERNMENT RADIO AND TV CARRIED NEWS ITEMS ON SECRETARY'S
ARRIVAL IN MONROVIA. VOICE OF KENYA AIRED PROFILE OF
KISSINGER IN PRIME TIME USING SCRIPT AND EXCEPTS OF
LUSAKA SPEECH PROVIDED BY USIS. WEEKLY PRESS REVIEW SHOW
ON RADIO DEVOTED TO "KISSINGER IN AFRICA" USED WORLD
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